Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The "Father of Clark County," retired General S. J. Conklin, had great foresight to predict that a piece of land he had chosen for his preemption would be the future county seat of Clark County, and the railroad would extend west of Watertown, near this site; and,

Whereas, The city of Clark was founded on May 23, 1881, and in December 1881, Chicago & North Western Railroad surveyors platted the town, giving settlers the hope that the train would pass through their community; and,

Whereas, Clark was named after a Dakota Territorial legislator, Newton Clark, and on January 15, 1882, the first work train arrived, bringing lumber and supplies;

Whereas, The first general store was build by Colonel W. H. Lamb; a land office was established making it easier for settlers to claim their land; Sever Anderson built the "Big Store," which was known as "The Largest Department Store West of Minneapolis," and churches quickly sprang up to accommodate parishioners; and,

Whereas, Clark became the county seat and now boasts seven churches, three parks, a golf course, a heated swimming pool, two motels, the Beauvais Heritage Museum, Classic Wheels Museum, hunting lodges, antique mall, and many other fine businesses, which enhance the lives of its residents; and,

Whereas, Clark will celebrate its 125th anniversary celebration on June 10 and 11, 2006:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 10-11, 2006, as

CLARK QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State